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Title: NON-THERMAL PLASMA APPARATUS  
UTILIZING DIELECTRICALLY-COATED  
ELECTRODES FOR TREATING EFFLUENT GAS

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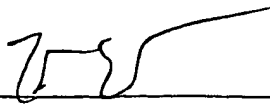
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